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AMENDMENT

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2005, the term for response to which expires on September 27, 2005.

Amendments to the Drawings are set described on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1-11 are amended.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.